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| Title        | : | BI-DIRECTIONAL RING     | ) |                   |      |
|              |   | NETWORK HAVING          | ) |                   |      |
|              |   | MINIMUM SPARE           | ) |                   |      |
|              |   | BANDWIDTH ALLOCATION    | ) |                   |      |
|              |   | AND CORRESPONDING       | ) |                   |      |
|              |   | CONNECTION ADMISSION    | ) |                   |      |
|              |   | CONTROLS                | ) |                   |      |

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Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of all of the pending claims in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a prior art document by the Examiner, particularly any that is inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all other constituent limitations.

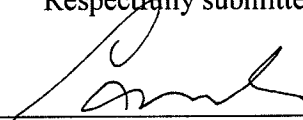
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